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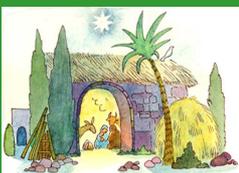
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Welcome to the second edition of Fernwood Fanfare!

We seem to have a theme of Sport in this issue (see page 2) - not intentional but just the way the articles have come in this time. We have some pictures of the village footballers and some of the trim machines which we hope to buy when we get the funding.



Christmas is almost upon us and the various village groups and clubs will be celebrating with parties. We have our own **Carol Service** on Tuesday 20 December in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome - come along and bring your family and friends. Let us make a joyful noise and raise the roof this year!

Don't forget to send us your news and views. Get snapping with your cameras over Christmas and send us some interesting photos to include next time.

The Editorial Team wish you all a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

A Letter from the Parish Church, St Giles, Balderton

I am grateful for the opportunity to write to you in this edition of the Fernwood Fanfare. I know that, for many people, living in this new village was filled with expectation. I remember in the early days we were looking forward, hoping for shops and the presence of a school for our children. It's good to see the community developing in so many ways. Looking forward is very much part of the theme for this season of the year.

I find it quite fascinating to listen to the answers that children give at school to questions about the season of Advent and how together we discover that Advent prepares us not for lots of wildly interesting presents but for the birth of Jesus. The story of the way in which God becomes a human being is of immense importance to Christians of all traditions.

Ever since I took part in my first school nativity as a child, the story of the baby at Bethlehem has lived on in my mind, although I suppose to begin with I was more concerned with the part

that I was going to play. I remember teachers choosing very carefully the pupils they wanted to play the parts of Joseph and Mary, and certainly in most of the schools that I have attended, older girls have always been asked to play the parts of angels. Boys tended to look forward to being shepherds and kings. Having been around so many productions over the years I know that a great deal of time and effort goes into getting it right, and yet all of this effort pales into insignificance alongside the amazing news of Emmanuel, God with us.

But why is that important? Is it to make us feel good and warm and cosy as we look at the Christmas scene, to be charmed by the vulnerability of a baby, the tenderness of a Mother and the "stickability" of the adoptive Father? All these aspects are important. They encourage us to open our lives to the wonder and beauty of God and the service of all humankind. The simplicity of the birth and the poverty of the people challenge our preoccupation with

possessions and wealth. Through it all the expectations of Advent, with its themes of judgement and forgiveness, encourage us to think again about the choices we make in our lives. Every good nativity always has that "Ahhhh" moment when a member of the cast sings beautifully, or an actor shows some new depth of meaning. At the very least we are left with the feeling that there is so much more to being human in this amazing world than we have so far been able to grasp.

It is of course because we have this conviction that God is amongst us, revealing a purpose that most of the time we can only glimpse, that we allow His Holy Spirit to weld us together into the body of Christ.

I very much hope that you will make the most of Advent and Christmas and look forward to an enjoyable new year.

Tony Tucker

Vicar of St Giles, Balderton and All Saints,
Barnby-in-the-Willows, Area Dean of Newark &
Southwell Deanery

From Fernwood Parish Council

Fernwood Parish Council wishes residents a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Although we are in a recession there are grounds for optimism that we shall come through, especially with the development of our village.

Our school will be built and, at last, the shop units appear to be well on the way to being fully occupied with the promise of a fitness centre, take-away and a bar bistro in the very near future - our community is obviously viewed as having real growth potential. In fact, the adjacent business park has recently received an application in respect of the build of a residential home by a leading care provider.

You would expect that your Parish Council has been heavily engaged with the many issues that affect us

locally and in the wider Newark District - and this is certainly the case - for example some recent decisions:

Broadband service - it certainly is frustrating to learn that our near neighbours are experiencing higher download speeds - sometimes ten times faster than we are. Rest assured that we are pressing as hard as we can to improve this situation especially since many of us now work from home.

Budget provisions for next year - we will certainly be turning our thoughts towards commitments for next year. Already we have developed a "Good Causes" fund and every effort is being made to reduce costs so that more of your hard-earned precept money is available for worthy endeavours.

Ownership of our land - well, I expect that you are as frustrated as we are by

the state of the planting areas outside our Hall. Naturally, we are trying as hard as we can to impress the owners to tidy up and replant. Unfortunately, this has produced limited results so we have set an agenda to purchase and maintain these areas. Additionally, we have made representations to buy and maintain the woods surrounding the building known as Balderton Hall.

Are you interested in knowing more about what we are doing on your behalf?

..... Then do attend the Council's meetings or contact our Clerk - Emma Thorpe - at the village hall or Email: clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk



Strength Trainer



Elliptical Cross Trainer



Air Skier



Hip Twister



Seated Leg Press



Air Walker



There has been tremendous interest in developing sporting activities – centred on the general area around our football pitch and tennis courts.

There are also clubs who lay on gymnastic displays.

Over a hundred youngsters and thirty adults associated with the various clubs now use our facilities on a regular basis and some of these include:

- Football – via Fernwood Owls , Foxes and AFC Brazil
- Netball - the Falcons
- Fernwood running club

It is now opportune to form a sports committee that will act as the platform to attract sponsorship and to set some basic rules and ensure effective development. Its membership will consist of residents, representatives from the clubs, OM management services, Parish Council and Residents' Association. A meeting is scheduled for the 8 December in the Village Hall – and you are invited to attend. We need ideas and support.

Difficult to come along because of business/family commitments but wish to have a say? Contact: jgould@hvca.org.uk or Tel: 605082



Men's Football Team - by Dom Reed

The men's team at Fernwood have recently enjoyed a promotion to the first division.

Many new players have joined and the tradition of involving the old and the new is starting to come into fruition. Recent games have been closely fought and a winning streak is just around the corner.

Our home matches are played on Sunday mornings, 10:30 kick off - so for a hangover cure please come along and support your local team.

Village School - John Proctor (FRA Chairman)

It's getting closer

On Tuesday November 8 plans for the new Fernwood annex of the Chuter Ede Primary School were approved by Nottinghamshire County Council. The build will be in 2 parts.

Phase 1 will accommodate 120 children and Phase 2 will see the completion of a 210 place Primary School with hall and games areas.

Phase 1 build will start in January 2012 and be completed for September 2012.

Two classes, approximately 30 children in each, will be the first occupants of the school. Phase 1 will include a single storey 'L' shaped building with four classrooms, two of which will act initially as a hall for assemblies and physical education. There will also be toilets, a staff office and entrance lobby. Outside there will be a hard area and a grass sports pitch.

Some concerns were raised by residents about the access to the school. It is hoped, however, that this will be alleviated by the construction of a temporary car

park opposite the school until Phoenix Lane is open.

There will be an opportunity for residents to ask any questions about the school and its development at the **Fernwood Residents' Association Open Meeting on January 10th 2012 at 7-30pm** when Mr Bob Hattersley, Head Teacher of Chuter Ede School, two representatives from County Hall and it is hoped a representative from David Wilson Homes will be present to give you an update on the school.

Trim Trail Decision day looms - John Proctor (FRA Chairman)

Pull down Challenger



Since the last newsletter we have moved to the final stage in the creation of the Trim Trail. The equipment will be purchased from

Fresh Air Fitness and, subject to the grant, we will have eight machines.

They are:-

- Seated leg press.
- Combination seated chest press and pull down challenger.

- Single air walker.
- Elliptical X trainer.
- Hip twister.
- Push up and dip station.
- Air skier.
- Strength trainer.

The decision was taken to expand the sites near the tennis courts, the playground and the Village Hall and not use the sites on Dale way. Installation will be undertaken by Red Egg or Property Maintenance.

That leaves the final hurdle.....

The Lottery Grant, 'Awards for All' approval.

The Lottery application was submitted on 22 October 2011 and we heard this week, Thursday 17 November 2011 that they are currently assessing our application. We should hear their decision within the next two weeks.

Push up and Dip Station



Fingers crossed everybody!!!!



Fernwood Ladies - By Sue Taylor



Well Fernwood Ladies have certainly had some fun since the last issue of the Fernwood Fanfare and we have more to come this year culminating with our 'members only' Festive Meal at the Wheatsheaf Inn in Dry Doddington.

Sometimes you have to get ahead of the game, as we found out last year when we tried to organise our Christmas meal out, so this year's venue has been booked for over 14 months!

Getting ahead of the game, seems to be the theme of this article as I can now announce that at a relaxed evening in October most of our members discussed ideas for the public meetings next year and we have already come up with a great

variety of confirmed speakers/ activities for the coming months. (See the panel below showing the first 6 months).

We will be creating a meeting calendar leaflet for next year and it should drop through your door in January with the information for the full year for you to keep to hand.

Fernwood Ladies is a great way to meet new friends and find out what is happening in the community and although we have a membership, our monthly meetings are open to EVERYONE. They are held in the village hall every last Tuesday evening of the month (except December) at 7.30pm.

You will also see from the calendar that we are intending to arrange a few special events, the first of which will be a Pamper Evening to follow the same successful theme as last year. Don't be shy, come

and have a taster session of a massage or reflexology or treat yourself to threading, nail care or any other special beauty treatment on offer on the night, all within walking distance from your home.

The wine tasting quiz evening will be great fun and even the avid wine buff may learn a thing or two. Then in December we will be organising the Fernwood Christmas Bazaar with a guest appearance by Santa Claus, so look out for the full information nearer the time.

Our special events are held to raise money for projects within Fernwood and to help with funds. At our AGM in January, our Membership will be voting on where this year's money will be spent so if you have any ideas of suitable projects, please contact Fernwood Ladies on our email below.

31st January	Annual General Meeting (with fiddle)	Confirmed
28th February	An introduction to Belly Dancing	Confirmed
27th March	The Workhouse (NT) - Poverty through the ages	Confirmed
17th April	Pamper Evening	Special Event
24th April	Nail & Skin Care by Judith Lee Brown	Confirmed
29th May	Beaumont House Hospice with Christine Smith	Confirmed
19th June	Fun with Wine Tasting	Special Event
26th June	All about Flowers	TBC

For further information regarding Fernwood Ladies, or any event we are hosting, our email address is: fernwoodladies@fernwoodvillagehall.co.uk



Diary Dates

8 December

Meeting in the Village Hall to discuss formation of a Sports Committee
Contact: Cllr J Gould
jgould@hvca.org.uk or
Tel: 605082

20 December Fernwood Carol Service

In the Village Hall at 6.30 pm



10 January

Fernwood Residents' Association Open Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

22 January - 3.00 pm

Messy Church & Co (St Giles) Present an 'Old Time Music Hall' in St Giles Church Hall

26 January

Safer Neighbourhood Group Meeting in Balderton Village Centre at 6.30 pm

31 January

Fernwood Ladies' AGM in the Village Hall

28 February

Fernwood Ladies: An Introduction to Belly Dancing



9th - 10th March

FADS next production - put the date in your diary and watch out for more details later.

27 March

Fernwood Ladies: The Workhouse (NT) Poverty through the ages.



Put your Club's meeting dates here

Maintenance Issues

For any maintenance issues regarding charges, payments etc contact:

John Jeyes
OM site office
at the rear
of 112 Goldstraw Lane

He is now linked to the main computer at OM and should be able to answer any of your questions.

Anti-Social Behaviour - Cllr Jim Gould

Our community features at, or near, the bottom of the crime statistics for the District and we wish to maintain this record.

Unfortunately, there are growing instances where some residents (especially those renting their accommodation) are unaware of the lease restrictions that apply – mainly in respect of parking conditions.

There have been instances where arguments over disputed parking spaces have resulted which have upset an otherwise harmonious neighbourhood.

On the parking theme – some residents feel that it is absolutely okay to use the pavements as a permanent extra car park.

Well it is not acceptable – remember that the utility supply services are laid under the walkways so do not be surprised if one morning you

wake up with no heating or electricity because the sub structure has collapsed.

Further, there have been reports of drunkenness and with threatening behaviour – usually over the weekend. In one instance a neighbour has threatened to move away from the area because of repeated noise and abuse.

The boy racers do return intermittently – after a general warning about their unwarranted presence they create a nuisance elsewhere, only returning when the patience of the other neighbourhood has been exhausted!

We have a clear agenda where anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.

Is there an answer to the above problems?

Should we just shrug our shoulders and say that it is simply a sign of the times -

and adopt a nimby attitude? Absolutely not!

There are working arrangements with the Police and OM Management Services, as well as advice within the Residents' Association and the Parish Council to assist those who experience difficulties.

Remember, if you do not report a problem it will not simply disappear.

Note new local Police contact number: simply dial **101** (replaces the old **0300 300 9999** number)

Contact: jgould@hvca.org.uk or Tel: 605082



Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society (FADS)

Rehearsals for FADS next production are proving very enjoyable.

Next Performance : Friday 9th and Saturday 10th March 2012

Some of our regular audience have expressed regret that we won't be putting it on before Christmas as originally intended but, when we began rehearsals, we soon realised that there was so much work to be done. It was therefore decided to put in extra rehearsal time and put back the performance until the Spring.

The dates for this are Friday and Saturday 9th and 10th March. Hopefully, the result will be worth the wait. We shall be putting out Posters and Advertising after Christmas and tickets will be on sale in January.

In the meantime, we are looking for a lightweight, easily manoeuvrable wheelchair if anyone can lend one until March.

Also, if anyone wishes to join us, as we have a good programme planned for next year, get in touch with either Mollie 647116 or Janet 702388

FOFFS

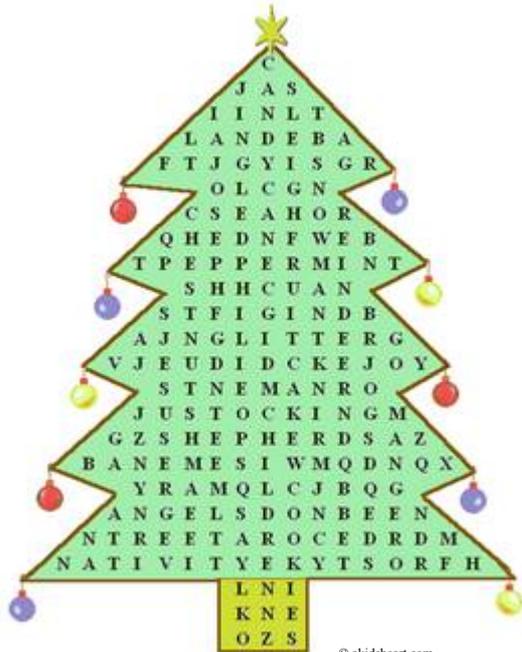
The FOFFs have had a very good year with lots of outings, our last for this year being a day in Stratford. The weather was good and most of us managed a boat trip on the Avon as well as lunch and a look round.

We have two Christmas Lunches arranged and a Party in December so that will take up most of our time until Christmas.

If anyone would like to join us - either just qualified in age - or just moved into the village, you can get in touch with either Mollie 647116 or Janet 702388

Youth Centre

Christmas Wordsearch



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| Angels | Decorate | Jingle | Ornaments | Snowman |
| Candy Cane | Frosty | Joseph | Peppermint | Star |
| Chestnuts | Fruitcake | Manger | Reindeer | Stocking |
| Children | Gifts | Mary | Shepherds | Tree |
| Cookies | Glitter | Nativity | Sleigh | Wisemen |
| December | Jesus | Noel | Snow | |

BALDERTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP MEETING

to be held in
BALDERTON VILLAGE CENTRE
On 26 January 2012 at 6.30 pm

Safer Neighbourhood Group meetings bring together representatives from local communities to identify and tackle issues of concern in your neighbourhood, such as crime, anti social behaviour, graffiti, noisy neighbours, vandalism, etc, and to bring these to the attention of police and partners to find solutions to your problems.

We want to hear what you think are the main community safety issues affecting your community.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Group for Balderton is chaired by Cllr Walter Hurst And the meeting will be attended by representatives from:
Nottinghamshire County Council Youth Services
Newark & Sherwood Homes
Nottinghamshire Police

For further information, contact the Community Safety Partnership on 01636 655698

Sudoku

Solution in next issue

3	4	1	2
4	2	3	1

Solution from last issue

2	1	4	3
3	4	2	1
1	2	3	4
4	3	1	2

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas Alphabet has Noel...!

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?
Deep and crisp and even...!

What do elves learn at elf school?
The elfabet...!

Colour your own nativity scene



Notice Board



Christmas Services In the Churches



Fernwood
Carol Service
Tuesday 20 December 2011
At 6.30 pm
In Fernwood Village Hall
Everyone Welcome
bring your family and friends

Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies after the service

St Giles, Balderton

Fri 16 Dec - 6.00 pm
Carol Singing at The Oaks

Sun 18 Dec
9.30 am Nativity Presentation

Wed 21 Dec
6.30 pm Carol Service

Sat 24 Dec
3.00 pm Christingle
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Sun 25 Dec
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 Family Communion

All Saints, Barnby-in-the-Willows

19 Dec
6.30 pm Carol Service

Methodist Church, Balderton

Sun 18 Dec
3.00 pm Carol Service

Sat 24 Dec
9.00 pm Communion

Sun 25 Dec
No Christmas Day Service this year

Holy Trinity RC Church, Boundary Road

Wed 21 Dec
7.30 pm Service of Reconciliation

Sat 24 Dec
6.00 pm Vigil of Christmas
11.30 pm Carols and Midnight Mass

Sun 25 Dec
10.00 am Christmas Mass

Salvation Army

Mead Way, New Balderton, Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire NG24 3GA
Sun 11 Dec
6.00 pm Carol Concert with Salvation Army Band and Chuter Ede Choir
Sun 18 Dec
4.00 pm Christingle Service
Sun 25 Dec
9.30 am Christmas Day Service